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 Examiner: PARSLEY, DAVID J
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Remarks

It is observed that the Examiner rejected claim 43 as being anticipated by Gaughen and claim 62 as being unpatentable over Gaughen in view of Kazemzadeh.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended independent claims 43 and 62 taking also into account the Examiner's comments.

In particular, the applicant has amended claim 43 so that it now claims that the adhesive layer is arranged directly on the outer surface of the sod and that the adhesive is a natural adhesive.

Support in the specification can be found on page 9, lines 4-8, wherein the blocks are said to be immersed in a tank that contains a natural bonding agent which adheres to the blocks, forming a layer on the entire outer surface.

Claim 62 has also been amended to recite that the cohesion treatment includes the sod being mixed with a bonding agent in a chamber.

The above clarifications to claims 43 and 63 should overcome the Examiner's rejections.

It will be noted that a sincere effort has been made to positively respond to all of the points raised by the Examiner.

While it is believed that the amended claims properly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion the Examiner may have concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Final Office action dated January 24, 2003 for three months from April 24, 2003 to July 24, 2003. Please charge my deposit account number 13-3860, in the amount of US\$ 465.00.- (fee code 2253) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

Furthermore, Applicant herewith appeals to the Board of Appeal from the decision dated January 24, 2003, of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting